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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM :
Comptroller

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SUBJECT : FBIS Monitoring of Muslim Areas ()

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1. We have reviewed the DDS&T response to your call for information on what FBIS is now collecting in the Muslim world and what might be done to increase its coverage. My memorandum presents our analysis of how to supply the additional resources.

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2. Early funding options. We have given first consideration to coverage of broadcast media as the primary support to a US information campaign. Four of the FBIS proposals—Options (a), (b), (e), and (g) below—have near-term payoffs and relatively low cost so we have considered them as a first action. The options are:

<u>Option</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>IOC</u>	<u>Comment</u>
(a,b) Expedite & enhance Bahrain Bureau	\$325,000	5 foreign	6-12 mo.	Meets all NSC needs except Iraq, Libya, Sudan services.
(e) Cyprus Remote	\$200,000	3 foreign	3-6 mo.	Requires GOC approval. Adds coverage of Libya and Sudan.
(g) Middle East Media Wrap-Up	\$ 50,000	1 staff, 1 foreign	1 mo.	Daily round-up of developments covered by Middle East Media.

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3. The early funding options have an aggregate resource requirement of \$575,000, one additional staff position, and nine additional foreign nationals overseas. The resource requirements for Option (g), the preparation of a Middle East media wrap-up, can be absorbed within the present Agency funding allocation and staffing complement. We will make an attempt to reallocate Agency funds to cover the remaining needs of the early funding options, but prospects of success—especially early in the year—are dim.

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As you know, 1980 proving to be a very tight one for us financially. If we cannot locate these funds within the budget, a Reserve release would be required. ☐ 25X1

4. Other options. The early funding options, combined, fill most of the gaps in NSC requirements, although some individual coverage will likely not be as good as that obtained from the remaining options. For example, Iraqi domestic and international services would not be monitored, and coverage of the Afghan domestic service would not be as good as that provided in Options (c) or (d). The remaining three broadcast media options are as follows:

<u>Option</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>IOC</u>	<u>Comment</u>
(c) Recording at Kabul, Islamabad	\$560,000	6 staff, 10 foreign	6-12 mo.	Best coverage of Afghanistan, Pakistan domestic service. Improve coverage of Iran. Processing is delayed.
(d) Remote monitor from Kabul, Islamabad	\$200,000	6 staff, 14 foreign	12-18 mo.	Requires <input type="checkbox"/> 25X1 at site. Coverage same as (c).
(f) Recording at Tripoli and/or Omdurman (Sudan)	\$350,000	4 staff, 1 foreign	6-12 mo.	Same coverage as (e). Processing is delayed.

The funding of whichever of these options may be selected will require ☐ 25X1 a Reserve release.

5. Additional capabilities. The DDS&T proposal also presented options for expanding FBIS publication coverage of the Muslim countries and the Muslim regions of the Soviet Union and for expanded media analysis of the same two regions. These options, depending on the combinations selected, would require some four to 15 additional staff positions and from \$160,000 to \$620,000. It would be difficult to provide the additional staff positions by reallocating resources within the Agency, especially if a combination of options is selected. Therefore, both additional funds and additional

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1. General Information. The following information was obtained from the records of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, regarding the land in question:

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